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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hall, David R., et al

Serial No.: 10/708,845

Filed: March 27, 2004

For: An Inductive Coupler for Downhole  
Components and Method for Making the Same

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Art Group: 2832

Examiner: Nguyen, Tuyen T.

Docket No.: 66.0003-3

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January 5, 2006

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed December 14, 2005 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on January 14, 2006.

Restriction/Election Requirement

The Office restricted the application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to a method of making an inductive coupler, classified in class 29, subclass 602.1.
- II. Claims 30-55, drawn to an inductive coupler, classified in class 336, subclass 83.

The Applicants elect invention I for prosecution on the merits without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that claims 30-55 be withdrawn to the filing of a divisional application.

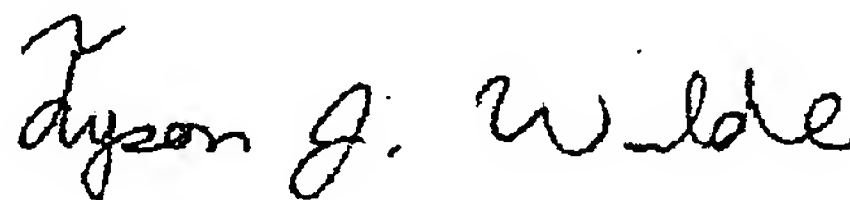
The Office restricted the application to one of the following species for prosecution on the merits:

Embodiment 1: figure 5;  
Embodiment 2: figure 6; and  
Embodiment 3: figure 7.

The Applicants elect Embodiment 1 for prosecution on the merits with traverse. The Applicants traverse this second election because it is moot with the election of method claims. Although embodiments 1, 2 & 3 as shown respectively in Figs 5, 6, & 7 (as stated by the Examiner) may possibly apply to separate apparatus, all of them may be made according to the methods claims of 1-29. However, since the applicants must provide a list of claims that are readable on the elected species to be responsive, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-29 are readable thereon.

It is believed that there are no fees due at this time. If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at 801-310-8427.

Respectfully submitted,



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